ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for and a method of controlling a power supply for a printer. A power on signal is automatically provided to turn on the printer power supply in accordance with a predetermined printing command, and a power off signal to turn off the printer power supply is automatically provided when the printer has not performed a printing operation for a predetermined time period. A low voltage and current switch is provided for manual on/off control of the printer power supply in accordance with an operation of a user. If the printer power supply in off, operation of the switch generates the power on signal. If the printer power supply is on, operation of the switch causes the controller to generate the power off signal to turn off the printer power supply.